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Allen Dulles a Master U.S. Spy

Allen W. Dulles, brother of the late John Foster Dulles, who was Secretary of State during the key years of the Eisenhower administration, died yesterday at the age of 75. His demise was attributed to complications of influenza and pneumonia.

Allen Dulles served as head of the Central Intelligence Agency for eight years, from 1953 to 1961. Almost all of that service was during the two terms of Mr. Eisenhower's administration.

Mr. Dulles played the deadly game of espionage over two decades and emerged unscratched. His influence trumpeted, his successes unheralded, Dulles directed the Central Intelligence Agency for eight years.

The top secret agency he headed stirred whirlwinds of controversy during his tenure, highlighted with the downing of a U-2 spy plane over Russia in 1960 and the disastrous 1961 invasion of Cuba's Bay of Pigs, masterminded by the CIA.

Mr. Dulles took it stoically. "Obviously," he said, "you cannot tell of operations that go along well. Those that go badly generally speak for themselves."

Tall and robust, with a white moustache, given to tweeds and constantly smoking or chewing on a pipe, Allen Dulles looked more like a paternal prep school headmaster than a master spy intrusted with secrets vital to a nation's security.

But he was once described as "one of the world's most sophisticated travelers in the shadowland of intelligence and espionage."

While contemporary Americans knew him best as the chief of CIA, Allen Welsh Dulles established his credentials as master of the craft during World War 2.

Based in Switzerland for the CIA's predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services — OSS — Dulles established a network of informants throughout Europe. His contacts reached into Hitler's high command. Thus:

- He knew in advance of the plot against Hitler's life in July, 1944
- He was the first source of reports about Nazi rocket experiments and about V-2 bases being set up to bombard England.

Working through high Wehrmacht and Gestapo contacts, he negotiated the surrender of nearly one million Nazi troops in Italy a week before V-E Day.